(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the permit issued to one Rama Malage of Manakapur and B. K. Lagare of Borgaon is issued to fictitious persons;

(*d*) if so, whether Government would make a thorough inquiry in the matter by appointing a committee?

SRI *S.* M. KRISHNA.—(Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(*a*) 373 permits for 28,359 bags of cement have been issued in Chikodi Taluk from 30-4-1973 to 31-7-1973 (*i.e*, from the date of the commencement of the Cement Control Order).

(*b*) Statement placed on the Table of the House*

(*c*) No

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*c*) above.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(*i*) *Re*: *theft of levy paddy in Hangal Taluk.*—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER:— The Hon. Member, Sri M. S. Krishna is not present to call the attention of the Minister for Education to the situation that has arisen as a result of agitation and mass casual leave campaign by the teaching staff of the Bangalore University.

One of the Hon. Members, Sri B. B. *S*ayanak and Sri Konandur Lingappa may call the attention of the

*Copy placed in the Karnataka Legislative Library *vide*, No. 5 dated 4-3-74.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Minister for Food and Forests to the theft of levy paddy from a godown in Hangal Taluk.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum):—I beg to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Food and Forests to the theft of levy paddy from a godown in Hangal Taluk My question is relating to 347 bags of levy paddy missing in the godown of Hangal.

SRI K. H PATIL:—(Minister for Food and Forests): I state as under, in reply to the calling attention motive;

A report was published in the Newspapers to the effect that 347 bags of levy paddy is missing. Immediate steps were taken by the Officers to unearth the truth. The facts of the case are as follows:

On 25-1-1974, the Tahsildar of Hangal Taluk checked the stock held by the Gramasevak Sahakari Sangh, Gondi. He found shortage of 347 bags of paddy as per the records of the Society. This matter was immediately reported to the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwar by the Tahsildar. The Gramasevak Sahakari Sangh, Gondi is a sub-agent of the Taluk Marketing Society which is the agent of the Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation. It is learnt from the Deputy Commissioner that the President of the Sangh has taken the plea that part of the stocks had been stored elsewhere for want of accommodation.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:—On 25-1-1974, the Tahsildar of Hangal Taluk checked the stock held by the Gramsevak Sahakari Sangh, Gondi. May I know whether the President of that society was present at that time?

SRI K. H. PATIL:—I am not aware.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK :—It is stated in the Minister's statement that "It is learnt from the Deputy Commissioner that the President of the Sangh has taken the plea that part of the stocks had been stored elsewhere for want of accommodation." May know from the Minister whether the Deputy Commissioner has verified this stock?

SRI K. H. Patil :—The matter is still under investigation. The Deputy Commissioner has sent the matter to the Deputy Registrar for investigation since co-operative societies come under the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The police also has gone there and the police report says that it is not Government stock. Even if the stock belongs to Government that being levy paddy, if he has stored it some where else, it is also an offence and action will be taken against him.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ; 317 ಚೀಲ ಭತ್ತ ಏನು ಇದೆ ಆದಷ್ಟೂ ಕಣ್ಮರೆ ಆಗುವವರೆಗೂ ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಇದ್ದಂಥ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರಕಾರೀ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ? ಯಾವಾಗ ಅದು ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಯಿತು ? ಗೌಡಾನ್ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಸ್ಟಾಕ್ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆಯೇ ? ಇದು ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟನನ್ನು ತಕ್ಷಣ ದಸ್ತಗಿರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ, ಕೊನೆಗೆ ಬಿಡುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಅದು ಬೇರೆ ವಿಷಯ. ತಕ್ಷಣ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಆತನ ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್ ; ನಮ್ಮ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ನಜರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಿದೆ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಆಗದೆ ವಿನಃ ಯಾವುದೇ ಮನುಷ್ಯನನ್ನು ಅಪರಾಧಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಎಲ್ಲಿಗೂ ಓಡಿ ಹೋಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಳವು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ, ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ, ಬೊನಾಫೈಡ್ ಆಗಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. 304 ಚೀಲ ಎಲ್ಲೂ ಹೋಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಇಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಇದೆಯೋ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿದ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರವಿಲ್ಲ. ಶಂಕೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಚೇರ್ಮನ್‌ರವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಉಗ್ರ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK : It is a very serious matter. They have checked the stock on 25-1-1974. Government has not taken any action upto now. The Ministhr says that he is going to take action, What is the police officer doing ?

SRI K. H. PATIL : We have to find out whether he has kept the stock somewhere else and committed a technical offence or whether he has stolen the property or whether he has indulged in black marketing. All these facts are being investigated.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : One or two clarifications may be sought. There is no scope for discussion on a Call Attention Motion.

(ii) Re. MASS CASUAL LEAVE COMPAIGN BY TECHING STAFF OF BANGALORE UNIVERSITY.

SRI M.S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram) Sir I wish to call the attention of the Minister of Education to the situation that has arisen as a result of the agitation and mass casual leave compaign by the teaching staff of the Bangalore University.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Education) In response to the Calling Attention Motion of the Hon. Member Sri M. S. Krishnan, I wish to make the following statement.

It may be mentioned that the Government is not aware of any move on the post of the 'University Teachers of Bangalore' to go on strike. However if the Hon. member is referring to the matter concerning the Bangalore University Teachers Association, then it may be pointed out that the demands of the Mysore,Bangalore and Karnataka Universities College Teachers Association, Mysore Uni-